

DOWNTOWN SUBCOMMITTEE of the Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tucson Department of Transportation, 201 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson
Monday November 16, 2009

Minutes
Prepared by Dave Boston

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Call to Public

A quorum being present, Chair David Bachman-Williams called the meeting to order.
There was no public comment.

Present:

David Bachman-Williams	Chair, Downtown Subcommittee
Richard Corbett	Member
Debby Kriegel	Member
Dave Boston	Member
Diahn Swartz	TDOT Traffic Engineering
Tom Thivener	TDOT
Ann Chanecka	PAG
German Quiroga	Member

2. 9th Street Recommendations

It was discussed that 9th Street would benefit from some bike boulevard - style treatments in the form of signage and possibly sharrows at the pinch points. Improved illumination of the bump-outs east of Euclid has been generally agreed on. A discussion of the definition of bike boulevard ensued. Painting out the hatched areas at the ends of blocks where parking spaces do not exist was suggested along with the possibility of a crosswalk / speed table at Empire market. Improved access for bicycles to the hawk signal crossing at Euclid was put forth for study. 4-way yield roundabouts or intersections were suggested as better accommodations for bikes and calmer traffic; specifically at Park, Highland and Norris streets.

3. Use of Sharrows Downtown

Gradual implementation on Congress was discussed. The width of Congress was questioned and its effect on the understanding of the markings by motorists and cyclists. Placement of sharrows on Toole from Stone to Pennington in conjunction with 'stimulus' improvements was deemed dependent on how parking will be retained and the final design of the actual travel lanes.

4. Aviation Bikeway

Discussion was postponed.

5. Project List and Status

Discussion was postponed.

6. Staff Reports

There was an attempt to explain the Package #3 list of improvements as to the type of projects that qualify for the funds, if specific projects are already assigned and when and who should form a formal list of projects. It was offered that the Facilities Subcommittee should assemble the formal list with input from the Downtown / U of A Subcommittee.

The need for additional bike hoops at the 6th Ave. Post Office was expressed.

The modern streetcar stops on 4th Ave. will be located in the center of the street and the tracks will be located more centrally in the lane to provide increased right-side bicycle clearance.

7. Topics for next meeting

No topics were specified.

The next meeting will be held on December 21, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.